

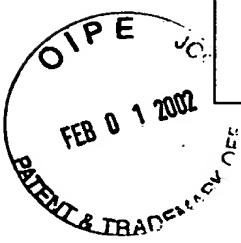
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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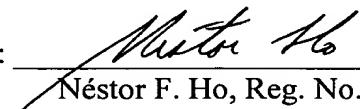
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Applicant hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application on 5 October 2001, which is more than three months prior to the filing of the present statement, as evidenced by the date of the enclosed search report.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the three month period of receipt of the Search Report because the original document sent was lost in the mail. Upon receipt of the enclosed Search Report from the PCT office, the cited documents were obtained from the internet and through a library service. The Article was received by this office on January 8, 2002, which caused the lateness in submission. A fee in the amount of \$180.00 is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from 3M Innovative Properties Company Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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